

# "BETWEEN-US"

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## An Emotional Fall How this Humpty Dumpty put herself back together again

I CAN'T afford to take that first drink. One drink leads to another. Then, just like St. Paul: "The things I should not do, I do. The things I should do, I do not." Just one drink and soon I'm drunk; mentally, emotionally, spiritually and physically drunk. I become maudlin, self-willed, self-filled--a human dynamo out of control. My emotions, actions and reactions run riot. That is until utter stupor sets in. I know it all; I do it all, disregarding the welfare of everyone else. I'm a human marionette. Alcohol pulls the strings. I dance, I sing, I laugh, I cry. I wax eloquent or become moody, never knowing where the emotional wheel will stop. It all depends on my higher power, alcohol. Then AA comes along and hamstrings "filthy liquor" and I rejoin the human race--almost.

The new-found sobriety has wings. My gratitude knows no bounds, nor am I earth bound any more. I soar up

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## A Bird in the Hand

AFTER ten years of unbroken sobriety as an active member of AA I am still grasping my sobriety "one day at a time." I have learned that I am much happier when I am holding onto the hand of the member who is just a little older than I, and reaching with the other hand for the member who is just a little younger.

There have been times during the passing years when life has been difficult and dreary; the gloom has inked its blotch upon the brightest pages of my days, and I have grown sick to death of the darkness. I have learned that no matter how well I am inoculated with the AA program, I am not immune to trouble. What, then, is there to do about it? I have to roll up my sleeves and hold on for dear life. I have found that the trouble lies not in my problems, but in my attempts to tackle them. Too frequently, my faith goes first, and when I cut this anchor, I drift into the "slough of despond." So I have to keep aware, and hold onto the things that are worth holding onto: love and understanding for the active alcoholic who still suffers and for each member of AA with whom I come into contact.

It is also most important to have the same love and understanding for people outside the fellowship. To realize that they, too, have trials and

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9:39 AM  
03/07/14  
Accrual Basis

Greater Milwaukee Central Office AA

Profit & Loss  
February 2014

	Feb 14
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 - Literature Sales	12,249.31
4050 - Between us	208.75
4070 - Contributions	4,583.27
4080 - Gratitude boxes	1,311.69
4150 - Other Income	257.56
4170 - Interest Income	0.06
4830 - Sales Discounts	10.00
48900 - Shipping and Delivery Income	118.98
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>18,739.62</b>
Cost of Goods Sold	
5000 - Literature	7,070.34
50000 - Cost of Goods Sold	8.77
5050 - Between us COGS	380.00
52900 - Purchases - Resale Items	2.25
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>7,461.36</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>11,278.26</b>
Expense	
51100 - Freight and Shipping Costs	51.62
59900 - POS Inventory Adjustments	-991.00
6045 - Coffee/Soda/Candy Expense	195.21
6050 - Credit card fees	140.24
6170 - Computer and Internet Expenses	449.00
6500 - Office	3,053.71
6600 - Payroll	8,342.78
6800 - Printing	761.52
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>12,003.08</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-724.82</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-724.82</b>
CD Prudent Reserve	84,359.71
Savings Account	39,530.74
Checking	1,976.59

### AREA 75 EVENTS CALENDAR

1. Go to Area 75 website at: [ar-75.org](http://ar-75.org). 2. Look for the Area 75 Events Calendar on the right side of the page. 3. Events listed are color coded according to the area office that listed them. 4. Click on the small down arrow at the top right hand corner of the Events listing for the color "key" to the area's events. 5. Click on the small down arrow in the middle (next to the date) to view a specific date or just use the scroll button to move up and down through the days listed.

### AA Groups Need Your Support

- **Jim's Sun Night 1st Step**, Roger's Hospital, 11101 W Lincoln Ave West Allis Sun at 6pm
- **Women's 12 x 12 Gp**, Mondays at 6:00 p. Grace Bible Church, 2643 S 117th St West Allis WI 53227
- **All Welcome Gp, Mondays at 1:30 p.** Bethesda Community Center, 2845 W Fond du Lac Ave, Milwaukee WI 53210
- **Gp 10-17, Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.**, St Veronica's School, 353 E Norwich, Milwaukee 53207

## Secretary Meeting, March 11, 2014

Groups represented: 22, 23 Wed, 59, 82, 88, 132 Women, 153, 200, 201, A Vision For You, Airport Gp, Another Chance Tuesday Night, Badger, Brown Deer Monday Night, Depends On You, Early Bird Roger's Memorial, Fabulous 44, Fireside, Hales Corners Tuesday Night, Happy Destiny, Honest and Able, Living Sober Wednesday Night, Mayfair Women Mon & Fri, Mayflower, New Berlin Big Book Tuesday, Oak Creek Friday Night, Recovery Gp, Saturday Morning Women's Freedom, Sunday Night Men's, Sussex Friday Night Action, Tosa Blue Chippers, Trust Through Fellowship, Tuesday Night Grapevine, Wanderer's, Way of Life, Wednesday Night Recovery, Women's Friday Night Kick Off. I'm sorry if I have missed anyone that was in attendance.

Kathy S opened the meeting at 7p.

**Bank balances** on Jan 31, 2014

Business Checking: \$1,976.59

Savings Account: \$39,530.74

Prudent Reserve CD's: \$84,359.71

**New secretaries** introduced themselves.

**Gratitude Boxes:** \$23,161.88.

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tions run to the END of DECEMBER. Look at the address label for a clue.

**Jamboree** is on Saturday September 20, 2014, at the Serb Hall, 5101 W Oklahoma Ave Milwaukee, tickets on sale in March. Our speaker will be Rob S. from Nashville TN

**A vote** was taken to possibly start the secretary meeting earlier. Vote failed and the meeting will continue to start at 7:00 p.m.

**Volunteer's** needed for the hotline, 1 year sobriety, sponsor and home group required. Contact Kathy S at Central Office 414-771-9119.

**The 75th anniversary edition** of the Big Book: We will have them for sale in Mid April.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday April 8, 2014, 7 pm. Director's meeting May 14, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

# Orientation for GSR's

Second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. prior to the secretary's meeting, at the Milwaukee Central Office. Or, call Ken G. 608-221-2891, [sherwood1@charter.net](mailto:sherwood1@charter.net), to arrange for G.S.R. orientation at your district or workshop.

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

### DISTRICT INFO ON THE WEB:

<http://www.area75.org/district.html>

1. JACKSON, LaCROSSE, MONROE, VERNON, & TREMPLEAU; 2 & 18 GREEN LAKE & MARQUETTE CNTY'S & PART OF WAUSHARA; 8 & 30 ROCK ; 9. CRAWFORD, GRANT, IOWA and LAFAYETTE; 19 & 37. RICHLAND & SAUK; 20, 21 & 26 DANE; 31. COLUMBIA CNTY; 35. GREEN; 37. JUNEAU CNTY'S

(Check the web address above for meeting info.)

3. MANITOWOC & SHEBOYGAN CNTY'S 3rd Wed. of month, 6:30 p., Even numbered months at 1907 Club, 2908 N. 21st St., Sheboygan. Odd numbered months: Alano Club, 404 S 29 St Manitowoc

4. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 2nd Thr. of month, 6:00 p., Alano Club, 1521 N. Prospect Av.

6. WALWORTH CNTY 2nd Tue. 7:30 p. Feb. Apr. June. Aug. Oct. and Dec. only, Walworth Alano Club, 611 E. Walworth St., Delavan

7. KENOSHA CNTY 3rd Sun. of month, 4:00 p., Kenosha Alano Club, 630 56th St.

10. Spanish District, at large. Contact Ernesto N. at 414 645-8591. Meets every Tue. at 5:00 p., 1663 S. 6th Street, Milw.

11. JEFFERSON CNTY Meets last Wed. at 5:30 p.m. Moravian Church, 301 College St., Lake Mills,

12. WASHINGTON CNTY 1st Wed. of month, 6:00 p., Jansen Family Park, Schuster Dr. West Bend

13. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 3) 1st Sun. of month, 1:00 p., St. Matthias Church, 111 E. Main, Waukesha

14. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 4th Wed. of month, 7:00 p., Milwaukee Central Office 7429 W Greenfield Ave., P.O. Box 13011, Wauwatosa WI 53226

15. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) Last Sunday of month, 5:30 p., Milwaukee Room 933 E. Center St. Milwaukee

16. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 1st Wed. of month, 7:00 p., Faith United Methodist Church, 400 S. 91st St.,

17. RACINE CNTY (1 of 2) 3rd Sun. of month, 1:00 p., Grove Club, 1037 Grove Ave., Racine

22. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 2nd Thr of month, 6:00 p., Alano Club, 1521 N. Prospect Ave.

23. DODGE CNTY 1st Wed of month at 7:00 p, Dodge Cnty Alano Club, 115 N. Lincoln, Beaver Dam, call to confirm 920-583-3142

24. OZAUKEE CNTY 3rd Tue. of month, 6:30 p., Peltz Center for Jewish Life, 2233 W Mequon Rd. Mequon

25. FOND du LAC CNTY 2nd Tue. of month, 6:30 p., Gratitude Club, 295 Ruggles St., Fond du Lac

27. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 3rd Sat. of month, 9:00 a.m. 12 Step Club, 4102 W. Townsend

28. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 3rd Mon. of month, 7:00 p., Bay View United Methodist 2772 S Kinnickinnic Ave. Bay View, WI 53207

29. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 1st Mon. of month, 7:00 p., Luther Memorial Church, 2840 S 84th St., West Allis, WI 53227

32. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 3) 4th Tuesday of month, 6:30 p., Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 470 Oak Crest Dr., Wales WI.

34. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 3) 1st Tue. of month, 6:30 p., Northwest Alano Club, N88W17658 Christman Rd., Menomonee Falls

36. RACINE/KENOSHA (1 of 2) 2nd Tues. month 6:00 p.m., 12 & 12 Club, 724 N Pine St., Burlington

**SEND ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO:**

7429 W. Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI 53214,

[dan@aamilwaukee.com](mailto:dan@aamilwaukee.com)

### AA Groups Need Your Support

- **New Hope Brookfield, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.** Trinity UCC, 4435 N Calhoun Rd Brookfield 53005
- **Chicks at Six, 6:00 p.m. Wednesday,** Alano Club 1521 N Prospect Ave Milwaukee, WI 53202 **CHILD CARE available.**
- **Thursday at 12:15 pm. and Wednesday 5:30 pm. Topic** at St. John's Cathedral Complex, 831 N. Van Buren St. Milwaukee 53202
- **Friday Night Candlelight, 8:00 pm.** St Anskar Episcopal, N48W31340 Hill Rd Hartland WI 53029 (Hwy's 16 & 83)
- **When All Else Fails, Saturday at 7:00 pm.** St Matthias Church, 111 E. Main St. Waukesha 53186

### Deaf, Deaf/Blind and Hard of Hearing AA Meeting List, ASL Interpreter available

- Thursdays at 8:00 p. St John Vianney Parish 1755 N. Calhoun Rd, Brookfield WI. **Open AA Meeting for everyone—Third Thursday of Month,** Wheelchair entrance available.

Meetings are weekly closed AA meetings, except where otherwise noted. All meetings Non-Smoking. **ASL Interpreter available, \$\$**

Contact John R. through Voice Relay Service 800-973-8024 / 414 -546-3246 TTY/Voice.

E-mail at: [johnres-ke9@yahoo.com](mailto:johnres-ke9@yahoo.com)

Contact George B. through Video Relay Service 866-483-1938 / 414-903-8905 TTY/VP

## A Buck In The Basket... Really? Maybe it's time for a raise!



**"Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."**

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# CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

**TAYCHEEDAH CORRECTIONAL,**  
Meetings are held every other Tuesday,  
5:30 -7:30 p.m., Deb L-H. (920)238-7414

**FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION,**  
P.O. Box 1085 Oxford, No Meeting!

**FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL Satellite  
Camp,** New Path Group, P. O. Box 1085  
Oxford, WI. Meetings Wed. at 1:30 p.m.

**OAK HILL AA GROUP, OAK HILL WCI**  
5212 Hwy M, P.O. Box 140 Oregon, WI  
53575 Meetings Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.  
and Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Contact: Rick B.  
(608) 235-5154

**THOMPSON FARM, RT. 2 DEERFIELD,  
WI.,** Closed meeting Tuesday at 8:00  
p.m. Contact: Tom Dickert, (608)764-5755

**ROBERT ELLSWORTH CORRECTIONAL,**  
21425A Spring St., Union Grove, 53182 Call  
for AA Meeting times: Contact Jennifer H.  
262) 237-1294 or Cheryl P. (262) 914-3970.

**KETTLE MORAIN CORR.,** Box 31,  
W9071 Forrest Dr., Plymouth, AA Thr. at  
6:00 p.m. Contact Mike L (920) 898-4782.

**WAUPUN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION**  
AA Meeting Sat. , 8:00a.m.-9:30 a.m. Dale  
C. 920-387-4229 after 5 p. clearance.

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY HOUSE OF COR-  
RECTION,** 8885 S. 68th St. Franklin WI.

**AA Women's** Saturday 10:00 a.m. Kristin  
L. 414-731-8572 or **AA Men's** on Sunday at  
7:00 p.m. Dennis D. 414-372-8324

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY JAIL** 9th & State  
Milwaukee WI. Clearance needed at both  
facilities. **AA Women's** Sat. at 5:00 p.m.  
Felisa C. (414) 672-6724. **AA Men's** Thr. at  
7:00 p.m. John A. at (414) 915-9512

**MILWAUKEE SECURE DETENTION CEN-  
TER,** 1015 N. 10th St. Milw. Sunday  
Nights from 6:30 p. to 7:30 p., Men & Wom-  
en, Call Marty S. at 414-975-8903 for infor-  
mation

**Milw Women's Correctional Ctr.** 615 W  
Keefe Ave. Milw. Contact: Karelyn P 414-  
975-6701. Meetings on Monday & Friday.

**FOX LAKE CORRECTIONAL,** Box #147,  
Fox Lake, WI 53933 Closed meetings Tue.  
& Fri. from 6:00 -8:00 p.m.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL** 411 S. Center  
St., Jefferson, WI, Mtng. held on Mon. at 7:00  
p.m., Contact: Scott N. 920-397-0170

**RACINE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION**  
**for MEN** Mtngs: Sun. 8:30 AM, Dane Rx  
Unit; Wed. 7:00 p. and two meetings on  
Thursday at 7:00 p. English and Spanish.  
Call Paul H. (262) 537-2884

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE:** Meets at 6:30 p. on the 3rd  
Wednesday of every other odd month at Faith United Methodist Church, 400 S. 91st St (91st &  
Adler). All Milwaukee County Corrections donations should be sent to: **MCCC, PO Box  
270544, Milwaukee WI 53227-0544.** Call coordinator: Kris WL at 414-731-8572, with questions.  
Treasurer Bill E. at 414-433-3507. Corrections volunteers must go through the committee to get AA  
literature to take into the various facilities. Milwaukee Central Office no longer handles the funds.

**Area 75, So. WI,  
Calendar of Events 2014**  
Madison Senior Center (MSC), 330  
W. Mifflin St., Madison, WI, except  
where otherwise noted.

- April 6, Pre-Conference Assembly.
- April 27-May 3, General Service  
Conference in Rye, NY
- May 16-18, 2014. 63rd Spring  
Conference Racine WI.
- June 22, Summer Service Assem-  
bly
- July 25-27, East Central Regional  
Conference in Perrysburg, OH
- October 19, Fall Service Assembly

- Milwaukee Central Office:** 7429  
W Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI  
53214 [dan@aamilwaukee.com](mailto:dan@aamilwaukee.com)
- Area 75 Treasurer:** PMB #167,  
5464 N Port Washington Rd.,  
Glendale WI 53217
- General Service Office:** G.S.O.,  
P O Box 459, Grand Central Sta-  
tion, New York, N.Y. 10163
- Area 75 Corrections, Bridging  
the Gap and Treatment write  
to:** PMB # 170, 5464 N Port  
Washington Rd., Glendale WI  
53217

## A LEVER WITH NO PLACE TO STAND

Bob S., Richmond, IN

I spent fifteen years drunkenly floating around Los Angeles, San Francisco, New Orleans, Florida beach resorts and back to my home town in Indiana (especially when I was broke) hoping to discover the bliss I needed to change my self into a productive human being. If only I could find the right location, the right people, that perfect girl, everything would change—I would finally be happy—and then, of course, my boozing life would come to an abrupt end.

There was never a year but what I had *quit drinking forever*, however, *quitting forever* just got me drunk again. But if only I could find the right place to be, the right *place to stand*, I could control—yea stop—those uncontrollable drunken sprees. I had read some-where that some guy from years ago named Archimedes said: “Give me a lever and a place to stand and I will move the earth.”



Well, I assumed that I already had a *lever* made of willpower and self-knowledge gained from many drunk tank visits . . . but alas, there seemed no *place to stand*. I was forty-three years old, broke, hallucinating (the refrigerator was singing to me) and still drunk when a friend, Dennis, escorted me to my first AA meeting at 4<sup>th</sup> and Wilshire in Santa Monica, California. Of course, I had no way of realizing it at the time, but the moment after they prayed the Lord’s Prayer something wonderfully mysterious erupted within my deep inner self and I had found a *place to stand*. I have not had a drink since!

The Big Book tells us: “We found the Great Reality deep down within us. In the last analysis it was only there He could be found.” (p. 55) So, my *place to stand* had been with me all along, I just needed AA to help me find it. Someone said that an alcoholic cannot drink on the truth, only on a lie. I believe so long as I remain in contact with that Great Reality (truth) deep within, God will never allow me to take another drink.

### Spanish Speaking Meetings: Meeting at English Speaking Clubs

- GRUPO 5 CONCEPTOS, Pass It On Club, 6229 W. Forest Home Av, Milw, on Friday at 8:00 p.
- GRUPO NUEVO AMANECER, Tri-County Unity Club, 104 N. First St, Watertown, on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:00 PM and on Sunday at 11:00 AM
- GRUPO FE Y ESPRONZA, Gratitude Club, 295 Ruggles St. Fond du Lac WI on Wednesday at 7:00 PM and Sundays at 4:00 PM

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on eagle's wings and, as such sustained emotional states are impossible for long, Humpty Dumpty has a great emotional fall. I do not take a drink or even desire one. Other AA members say I'm suffering from a "dry drunk," an "emotional hangover" from flying too high on this new sobriety. I'm not only low but water-logged with tears of self-pity. The fire of enthusiasm has not only burnt out but I'm burnt up with resentments.

"Wot hoppon?" With my head in the clouds I didn't see that air pocket. Anything *that* high ought to be grounded. I forgot to keep at least one foot on the ground and couldn't handle the charge.

Actually, I believe I had stumbled *over* Step Three instead of taking it. I had not made a decision to turn my life and my will over to the care of God as I or anybody else understood Him.

Still lurching over this Step I decided to take Step Four *in writing*. At once I resented the obvious implications of my personal inventory in black and white. I figured they never made enough erasers to rub out *my* defects of character. Timidly I crept back up on Step Three. It was a long painful haul. It then became plain to me that only a Power greater than myself could furnish the eraser, and I had to do the rubbing. I'm still rubbing.

Somehow I realized what was wrong. I had become *emotionally* drunk. First I got high on my new sobriety and emotionally hung over as the newness and applause wore off. I took a shot of that first resentment which led to more resentment, self-pity which led to more self-pity, and so on and on. I did not drink or lose my sobriety but I certainly lost my serenity, and as my thinking got out of control so did my

sanity. I've come to associate sobriety with serenity.

I was actually indulging in an emotional binge. I proceeded to cut open a lot of old wounds and rub salt in them. I rattled the skeleton in my closet from the head bone down to the toe bone. I peered through my old amber-colored glasses into the bleak future. I not only invited the dark bird of despondency and despair back into my life, but clipped its wings so it couldn't fly away. I took my inventory and everybody else's by reviewing all my mistakes and theirs as they marched by in miserable numbers. I began listing dreadful things that might happen in the future. My present was so cluttered up with rubbish from the past and phantoms of the future I had no room for the present. I was truly out of control, reeling with self-pity, resentments and stinking-thinking. I was staggered, in fact, by my imagination instead of alcohol.

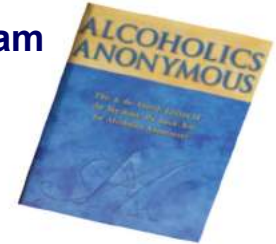
It was here I decided for the first time to sit firmly on the Third Step: to turn my life and my will over to God's care and to begin to try and know Him and to try to understand Him and His will for me. Being an agnostic and part-time atheist, this was not easy. I first asked Him to remove my "stinking thinking" as He, through AA, had removed my "stinking drinking." And I came to believe, to expect that He and only He could do this if I honestly and sincerely desired that this be so. I asked Him to help me avoid overreaction to upsetting situations, people or things. To make me willing to change my attitude concerning these things and to keep my thoughts positive and constructive. To help me develop tolerance and love for others, to live just for today, accepting the things I can't change or can't yet change, for cour-

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## Written for Us Newcomer's Meeting An Insight to 'How it Works' An Orientation for Newcomers!

when:  
Saturday's from **9:45 to 10:15am**

where:  
Greater Milwaukee Central Office  
7429 West Greenfield Avenue  
West Allis, WI 53214  
414.771.9119



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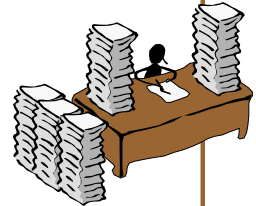
## 2014 Area 75 Archives Room

HOURS: Sunday's 12:00 to 3:30

CLOSED: All of January, July, August, December  
March 16 / April 6 & 20 May 11, 18 & 25 / Jun 15 & 22 / Oct 19

Call Nancy S. for an appointment to view the Archives the months we are closed (414) 339-3934 anancy@att.net

Located in the Lower Level of Holy Assumption School 7109 West Orchard St, West Allis, Wisconsin 53214 (1 block South of Greenfield)



### Meeting Space Available

- Aurora Psychiatric Hospital, "Lighthouse on Dewey" 1220 Dewey Ave., Wauwatosa 53213, has this beautiful newly renovated meeting space available, for regular meetings and special group functions, open meetings, workshops, even small group dinners. Contact: Mark P. 414-803-3464 for more information.
- Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 5277 N. 36th St., Milwaukee, WI 53209, Contact Rev. John Patterson, Phone: 414-461-7755, Email: mt.olivembc@wi.rr.com
- Galano Club-LGBT Friendly at 315 W Court St., Milwaukee, 5 blocks north of Bradley Center, plenty of free parking has meeting space available for recovery groups, inexpensive room rent (\$12 -\$15 week). Contact Deb at the club at 414-276-6936.

## Everyone Quit Coming

It proved to be a horse of a different color,  
but while it was happening it was a NIGHTMARE

IN 1957, after seven years of sobriety and regular attendance at AA, I decided I was spending too much time helping drunks and not enough time tending to my own business. It was time, I decided, for me to concentrate on making money and acquiring some of the material things of life.

I was on the road at the time, leaving on Mondays and coming home on weekends. So I quit making meetings, quit visiting with AAs over a cup of coffee, and when asked on a Twelfth Step call, I was "too busy." This went on for nearly three months.

Then one Monday I drove 154 miles to the town I was working in, and was so miserable I could do no work. Tuesday at noon I went back to the hotel, checked out and drove back home. On Wednesday morning I went to town and had a cup of coffee at the hotel coffee shop where we held our Wednesday night AA meetings. (The owner of the shop furnished us a meeting room and coffee so he could make meetings.) I asked him who was chairman for that

night. He said they didn't have one.

"Good," I said, "let me be chairman; I haven't been to a meeting in months; I need it."

"I'm sorry, Bill, we don't have meetings here any more," he answered.

"Why?"

"Because everyone quit coming and I got tired of making coffee back there when no one showed up to drink it."

My heart sank. I needed a meeting and the nearest one was ninety miles away. It didn't occur to me to ask someone to come to the hotel for a meeting. I just went home feeling sorry for myself.

That night I had a nightmare. *A doozy*. I dreamed I had been drunk for weeks and wanted to get sober. I called every AA in Abilene and all of them said, "Why, Bill, didn't you know? We don't have AA any more. Everyone quit coming."

I called Austin, Amarillo, Lubbock, Ft.

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tribulations, good days and bad.

I once heard an intriguing story of the wise man and the bird. There was a boy who didn't like the wise man because he envied him, so he prepared a trap. He held a live bird in his hand, then went to the wise man and said: "Sir, there's a bird inside my hand. You are so wise, pray, tell me, is it dead?"

Now, if the wise man were to say yes, the boy would open up his hand and let the bird fly away. If he were to say the bird was alive, the boy would squeeze his hand and kill the bird.

"Which is it, Sir?" the boy asked

again.

The wise man never looked down at the hand, but at the boy, and answered: "My son, it is whatever you want it to be."

How true of life--each one of us can make it whatever we want it to be.

C. C. E.  
Pompano Beach, Florida

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### NEW DAY CLUB

11936 N. Port Washington

Mequon, (262) 241-4673

<http://www.newdayclub.org>

#### A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:00 a. Topic  
11:00 a. Topic  
5:00 p. Young People  
7:30 p. Topic

Mon. 12:30 p. Tenth Step Gp  
5:30 p. More about Alcoholism  
7:00 p. Men's Gp

Tue. 10:00 a. Topic  
5:30 p. Big Book  
7:00 p. Beginners Gp  
8:00 p. Big Book Gp

Wed. 10:00 a. Topic  
2:00 p. Promises Meeting  
5:30 p. Step Meeting  
7:00 p. Women's Lifetime

Thr. 10:00 a. Topic Meeting  
1:00 p. Women's Gp  
5:30 p. Topic Mtng.  
8:00 p. Step Meeting

Fri. 10:00 a. Topic Meeting  
5:30 p. Step/Tradition  
8:00 p.

Sat. 10:00 a. Step Meeting  
5:00 p. Fellowship of Spirit  
7:00 p. Feelings  
10:00 p. Young People

8:00 p. Open Meeting (held on 3rd Saturday of month only)

AL-ANON MEETINGS  
Monday 6:30 p. Al-Anon  
Tuesday 1:00 p. Al-Anon/ACOA  
Thursday 7:00 p. Al-Anon

Contact club for info on other fellowships.

### PASS IT ON CLUB

6229 W. Forest Home Ave

Milwaukee WI (414) 541-6923

[passitonclub.com](http://passitonclub.com)

#### A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:00 a. Sun. Wake Up  
9:30 a. Reliance Open Disc.  
11:00 a. Today's choice  
3:00 p. Gratitude Plus  
7:00 p. Big Book Readers  
7:30 a. Jump Start

Mon. 10:30 a. First Step  
4:00 p. Happy Hour Step Gp.  
7:00 p. Mon. Freedom  
7:00 p. Open Introductory AA  
7:30 a. Comin' Back Gp

Tue. 10:30 a. Keep It Simple  
4:00 p. Drop the Rock  
6:00 p. Women's Step  
7:30 p. Three Legacies  
7:30 p. Double Trouble DD/O

Wed. 7:30 a. Big Book Study  
10:30 a. Pass It On  
4:00 p. Happy Hr Promises  
7:00 p. We, Us & Ours  
7:30 a. Welcome Back Gp

Thr. 10:30 a. Made Decision  
5:15 p. As Bill Sees It  
7:00 p. Gateway Topic Gp  
7:30 a. Honesty Gp.

Fri. 10:30 a. Came To Believe  
6:00 p. Women's Fri. Kickoff  
6:30 p. Thoughts 4 Today  
8:00 p. Broken Arrow

Sat. 8:00 p. Spanish Speaking  
8:30 a. Early Bird  
10:30 a. Happy Joyous Free  
3:00 p. Twelve Promises  
8:00 p. Back to Basics 12x12

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Sun. 11:00 a. (Alateen)  
Wed. 7:00 p. Fri. 7:30 p.  
Thr. 7:00 p. Sat. 10:30 a.

### LAKE AREA CLUB

N60 W 35878 Lake Dr

Oconomowoc, WI

(262) 567-9912

[www.lakeareaclub.com](http://www.lakeareaclub.com)

#### A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:00 a.  
11:00 a.  
6:00 p. Big Book  
8:00 p.

Mon. 9:00 a. Positive Attitude  
6:30 p.  
8:00 p. Step/Tradition Study

Tue. 1:00 p.  
4:00 p.  
8:00 p. Back To Basics

Wed. 8:00 a.  
10:00 a.  
6:00 p.  
8:00 p.

Thr. 10:00 a.  
4:00 p.  
6:00 p. Women's Group  
8:00 p.

Fri. 12:30 p.  
4:00 p.  
6:00 p. Non-smoking  
7:00 p.  
8:00 p.

Sat. 8:30 a.  
10:00 a. Big Book

AL-ANON MEETINGS  
Mon. 8:00 p. Al-Anon  
Tue. 9:00 a. Al-Anon  
Wed. 7:00 p. Al-Anon

OPEN SPEAKER MEETING  
Sat. 7:00 p. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays  
(AA and/or Al-Anon Speakers)

### WAUKESHA ALANO CLUB

318 W. Broadway

Waukesha, WI

(262) 549-6541

#### A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 9:30 a. Sun Morn Sunlite  
11:00 a. Sun Go-To-Mtng  
(Open speaker 2nd Sunday & Breakfast)  
7:00 p. (Open Step Gp)

Mon. 12:00 Noon  
6:00 p. Beginners AA  
7:00 p. (12 & 12)

Tue. 12:00 Noon

Wed. 12:00 Noon  
5:30 p. Topic Gp

Thr. 12:00 Noon  
8:00 p.

Fri. 12:00 Noon T.G.I.F. Gp

Sat. 10:00 a. Gp 124  
7:00 p. Closed Meeting

OPEN MEETINGS,  
DANCES & EVENTS  
Call for information.

### UNITY CLUB

1715 Creek Drive

West Bend, (262) 338-3500

<http://www.unityofwb.com>

#### AA MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:30 a.\*\* Gratitude Gp.  
8:00 p. Candlelight Gp.

Mon. 10:00 a. Monday A.M.  
7:00 p. Men's  
7:00 p. Women's

Tue. 10:00 a. Tuesday A.M.  
7:30 p. Beginner's  
8:00 p. Step Gp

Wed. 10:00 a. Promises  
1:00 p. Steps/Promises  
8:15 p.\*\*\* Step Gp

Thr. 10:00 a. Big Book  
7:00 p. EZ Dozen12x12

Fri. 10:00 a. Step/Topic Gp  
8:00 p.\* Step Gp.

Sat. 10:00 a. Here & Now  
7:00 p. Big Book

AL-ANON & ALATEEN MTNGS  
Saturday 9:00 a. Al-Anon  
Thursday 7:15 p. Al-Anon

\* Open Mtng. 4th Fri. of month  
\*\*\* Open Mtng. 3rd Wed. of month  
\*\* Open Mtng. 3rd Sunday of month (a.m.)

### SERENITY CLUB

3677 E. Pulaski Ave,

Cudahy, WI 53110,

(414)483-8308

[serenityclub.info](http://serenityclub.info)

AA Meetings  
Sun. 10:00 a. Welcome Gp.  
7:00 p. Gp. 83

Mon. 10:00 a. Honesty Gp.  
8:00 p. Sharing Strength

Tue. 10:00 a. Gp. 118  
8:00 p. Gratitude Gp.

Wed. 10:00 a. Rap Discussion  
5:30 P. Courage/Change  
8:00 p. 1 Day At A Time

Thr. 10:00 a. Gp. 89  
8:00 p. Gp. 88

Fri. 10:00 a. Gp. 41  
8:00 p. Gp. 449

Sat. 10:00 a. Reliance Gp.  
7:00 p. Big Book Gp.

AL-ANON MTNG: Sunday 5:30 p.  
AL-ANON MTNG: Tuesday 6:30 p.

Call Club for Open Meeting  
& Dance Information

# Meeting Rooms

## WALWORTH COUNTY ALANO CLUB

611 Walworth St.  
(Hwy. 50 & 11)  
Delavan, WI 53115,  
(262) 740-1888

**Sunday AA**  
10:00 a. Primitive Group  
12:00 Noon Open Speakers  
6:30 p. Delavan Discussion

**Monday AA**  
7:30 a. Delavan Sunny Side Up  
12:00 Noon Delavan Step Meeting  
6:30 p. Former Miss Americas (Women's Step Group)  
6:30 p. Delavan Men's Meeting

**Tuesday AA**  
7:30 a. Delavan Sunrise Tue  
12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp.  
6:30 p. Delavan 12 Step Topic

**Wednesday AA**  
7:30 a. Delavan Sunrise Wed.  
12:00 Noon As Bill Sees It Gp.  
6:30 p. Delavan IT Meeting

**Thursday AA**  
7:30 a. Delavan Sunrise Thr.  
12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp.  
5:30 p. Step Sisters Women  
6:30 p. Delavan Big Book Gp.

**Friday AA**  
7:30 a. Delavan Sunrise Fri.  
12:00 Noon Big Book Study  
6:30 p. Delavan Discussion

**Saturday AA**  
12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp.  
6:30 p. Delavan Beginners Gp.

**ALANO CLUB** 1521 N. Prospect Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI, (414) 278-9102  
<http://www.alanofoundation.com>

**A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE**  
Sun. 10:00 a. Gp 17 Step  
4:30 p. Step Gp  
7:30 p. Gp 19 Step  
10:00 p. Topic Gp  
Mon. 7:00 a. Early Morning  
10:30 a. Gp 72 Topic  
12:15 p. Big Book Meeting  
6:30 p. Gp 40 Big Book  
8:00 p. Gp 20 Topic  
10:30 p. Living Sober Step/Topic  
Tue. 7:00 a. As Bill Sees It,  
10:30 a. Gp 70 Step  
12:15 p. Gp 76  
7:00 p. Beginners, 1st Step (3rd fl)  
8:00 p. Gp 57 Topic  
10:30 p. 4th Dimension Step/Topic  
Wed. 7:00 a. Men's Step  
10:30 a. Gp 9, Step  
12:10 p. Oasis Topic Gp  
6:00 p. Gp 91 Women's  
8:00 p. Gp 3, Step/Topic  
10:30 p. Step/Topic Gp  
Thr. 7:00 a. Big Book Meeting  
10:30 a. Gp 97, Step  
12:15 p. Here & Now Gp  
7:00 p. LGBT Big Book  
7:30 p. Gp 26 12x12  
10:30 Peanut Gallery Step Mtng  
Fri. 7:00 a. Daily Reflections  
10:30 a. Gp 21, Step  
12:15 p. Gp 65  
6:30 p. Here & Now  
8:30 p. Gp30 Tub Topic  
11:30 p. Step/Topic  
12:15 a. Second Shifters  
Sat. 11:00 a. Gp 87 Step  
3:00 p. Spiritual Growth  
7:30 p. Open Speaker  
9:00 p. Here and Now  
11:30 p. Tub-Topic  
**AL-ANON MEETING Sunday** 10:00 a.  
Club is smoke free. Many meetings  
break outdoors for smoking.

## H.O.W. TO CLUB

8930 W. National Ave,  
West Allis, (414) 543-2448

<http://howtoclub.info/>  
Sun. 8 a.-11 p., Mon - Thr. 9  
a. -11 p, Fri - Sat. 9 a. - 1 a.  
**AA MEETING SCHEDULE**  
Sun. 8:00 a. Eye Opener AA Gp.  
10:00 a. Grass Roots (Steps)  
4:30 p. Drop the Rock 6/7 Step  
6:00 p. AA Topic Group  
8:00 p. Sun. Sober & Serene  
Mon. 11:00 a. Winner's Circle  
5:45 p. Gp 132, Women's Gp  
7:00 p. Big Book Gp.  
8:00 p. New Hope Gp.  
11:15 p. Nighthawk Gp.  
Tue. 11:00 a. Willingness Group  
6:00 p. Tuesday Non-Smok  
8:00 p. 12 & 12 AA Meeting  
Wed. 10:00 a. Foundations Meeting  
6:00 p. AA Beginners Gp.  
7:00 p. Women's Freedom  
8:00 p. Promises Group  
11:15 p. After Hours Gp.  
Thr. 10:00 a. But For Grace Of God  
6:00 p. 6 PM Here and Now  
8:00 p. How To Get It Going  
Fri. 11:00 a. Priority Group  
6:00 p. Big Book Group  
8:00 p. R.U.S. For Us  
11:15 p. Candlelight Promises  
Sat. 9:15 a. Men's Topic  
11:00 a. Pioneers Group  
3:00 p. HOW IT WORKS GP  
6:00 p. 1st & 12 Topic  
8:00 p. HOW To Saturday\*  
\*(Open meeting on 3rd Saturday)  
10:30 p. Candlelight Gratitude

# Meeting Rooms

## 12 STEP CLUB

4102 W Townsend St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53216  
(414) 871-0610

## A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Tues. 6:45 p, Gp. 79  
Wed. 11:00 a. Gp. 27  
Fri. 11:00 a. Gp. 61 (12x12)  
Sat. 10:00 a. Beginners Gp.  
7:00 p. Gp 6

**CALL THE CLUB FOR INFORMATION ON OPEN A.A. MEETINGS, MEETINGS FOR OTHER FELLOWSHIPS and SPECIAL EVENTS.**

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

2245 W. Fond du Lac  
Milwaukee, WI  
414. 931.7033

## MEETING SCHEDULE

**Sunday:**  
10:00 a. Friendship  
11:00 a. Third Sunday  
Open Meeting  
**Monday:**  
10:30 a. Step Gp  
**Tuesday:**  
7:00 p. Gp 43 Big Book  
**Saturday:**  
10:00 a. Gp 112 Step  
**Call for information on other types of meetings.**

**Greater Milwaukee Central Office**  
7429 W Greenfield Ave.  
West Allis WI 53214,  
414-771-9119  
([aamilwaukee.com](http://aamilwaukee.com))

**A.A. MEETINGS**  
Mon. 12:15 p. & 4:00 p.  
Tue. 12:15 p. & 4:00 p  
Wed. 12:15 p. & 4:00 p  
Thur. 12:15 p. & 4:00 p  
Fri. 12:15 p. & 4:00 p  
Sat. 9:45 a. Newcomer  
Also 10:30 a. & 3:00 p.

**A Meeting Place**  
75 North Main St.  
Hartford, WI 53027,  
**A.A. MEETINGS**  
Mon. 10 a. Bucket Topic  
Wed. 10 a. Step/Promise  
Thur. 6:30 p. Principles of 12 Steps  
Fri. 10 a. Living Sober  
**Fri Night PizzAA Party**  
10 p Pizza, 10:30 p. Bucket Topic Mtng. Doors open 9 p.

# Directory Changes

**Milwaukee Group**  
933 E Center St,  
(River West)  
Milwaukee WI 53212

**A.A. MEETINGS**  
Sun. 10:00 a Open (Disc.)  
8:30 p. Big Book  
Mon. 5:30 p. Big Book  
7:00 p. Open (1st Step)  
8:30 p. Topic  
Tue. 7:00 p. Open (Topic)  
8:30 p. Open (Big Book)  
Wed. 7:00 p. Open (Big Book)  
8:30 p. Topic  
Thur. 6:30 p. Open (Topic)  
8:30 p. Step  
Fri. 7:00 p. Beginner's  
8:30 p. Open (Big Book)  
11:30 p. Topic  
Sat. 8:30 p. Topic  
11:30 p. Topic

**NEW MEETINGS**  
St John's Evangelical,  
5500 W Greenfield Ave  
Milw **Monday at 7:30 p.**

Bay Shore Lutheran  
Ch, 1200 E Hampton  
Ave.. Milw 53217 **Tues-  
day at 8:30 a.**

Milw Jewish Family  
Services, 1300 N Jack-  
son St. Milw. 53202  
**Tuesday at 6:30 p.**

**Thr Simply Sober,**  
Stoney Hills Presbyteri-  
an, N112 W17655 Me-  
quon Rd, Germantown,  
**Thursday 7:00 p.**

All Peoples Church  
2600 N 2nd St. Milw.  
**Thurs. 11:30 a.**

Couple's Gp, Living  
Word Church, 2240  
Living Word Ln Jackson  
53037 **Fri 7:30 p.**

How It Works Closed  
Big Book & 12x12 Disc.  
8930 W National Ave,  
West Allis, **Sat. 3 p.m.**

## DISBANDED GROUPS

Central Office Wed &  
Fri 10:30 a. both can-  
celled. 7429 W Green-  
field Ave, West Allis

## 24 HOUR CLUB

153 Green Bay Rd.  
Thiensville, WI  
(262) 242-9999

**A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE**  
Sun. 8:00 a. Topic  
10:00 a. Step/Topic  
5:00 p. Step  
Mon. 6:30 a. Topic  
10:00 a. Topic  
12:00 p. Women's  
8:00 p. Men's  
Tue. 6:30 a. Topic  
10:00 a. Step/Topic  
5:30 p. Big Book  
Wed. 6:30 a. Topic  
10:00 a. Big Book  
5:15 p. Women's  
Thr. 6:30 a. Topic  
10:00 a. Topic  
5:30 p. Step/Topic/Trad  
8:00 p. Men's 12 & 12  
Fri. 6:30 a. Topic  
10:00 a. Step/12 & 12  
5:30 p. Principles  
8:00 p. Step  
Sat. 6:30 a. Topic  
8:30 a. Living Sober  
10:00 a. Big Book  
**8:00 p. Open Speaker Mtng.  
(1st Saturday Only)**

## GALANO CLUB

- LGBT Friendly -

315 W. Court St. Suite 201  
Milwaukee, WI 53212-3825  
(414) 276-6936

<http://www.galanoclub.org/>

[mail@galanoclub.org](mailto:mail@galanoclub.org)

## MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:30 a. Step Topic  
6:00 p. Big Book Study  
Mon. 7:30 p. Came To Believe  
Tue. 5:30 p. 40+ Topic  
Wed. 7:00 p. 12 x 12  
Fri. 7:00 p. Step/Topic  
Sat. 7:30 p. Topic

## AL-ANON MEETINGS

Sun. 10:30 a.m. (Co-ed.) .  
**Meeting Space Available**  
**See website for Club Events.**  
[www.galanoclub.org](http://www.galanoclub.org)

## NORTHWEST ALANO CLUB\*

N88 W17658 Christman Rd  
Menomonee Falls WI  
53051 (No Phone)

## A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 7:30 p.  
Mon. 7:00 p. Just Do It Gp  
8:00 p. Action Gp  
Tue. 10:00 a. Step  
8:00 p. Topic  
Wed. 8:00 p. Step/Topic  
Thr. 10:00 a. Step  
6:00 p. Women's  
Fri. 8:00 p. Step/Topic  
Sat. 10:00 a. Step  
7:00 p. Simply Sober Gp

## AL-ANON MEETINGS

Wed. 8:00 p. Al-Anon  
Fri. 8:00 p. Al-Anon

\*This Club is a Smoke-Free environment. We have ample meeting space available for 12 Step groups. Contact the Northwest Alano Club by mail.

Polish Sober Eagles, Prince of Peace 4419 S Howell Ave, Milw. met Tues at 6:30 p.

Tuesday 11th Step, met at Elizabeth Ann Seton 12700 W Howard Ave, New Berlin on Tue at 6:45.

First Step Meeting (Gay) met at Galano Club 315 Court St on Thursdays at 6:00 p.

### OTHER CHANGES

**ARO Tue Night** previously at Aro Counseling, **NOW** meets at St Mark's Lutheran, 424 Hyde Park Ave. Waukesha Tue at 8:00 PM

**Gp 10 Sunday** at 9 am, formerly at 72<sup>nd</sup> and Orchard, **NOW** meets at Lamplight Inn, 7400 W Greenfield Ave. West Allis WI 53214.

**Gp 10 Friday** at 7:30 pm, formerly at 72<sup>nd</sup> and Orchard, **NOW** meets at Lamplight Inn, 7400 W Greenfield Ave. West Allis WI 53214.

**Gp 23 Wednesday** at 8pm, formerly at 72<sup>nd</sup> and Orchard, **NOW** meets at 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church, 7400 W Lapham St. West Allis WI 53214 still at 8 p. on Wednesday.

**Gp 82 Elm Grove**, Sundays at 8pm, formerly at St Edmund's 14625 Watertown Plank **NOW** meets at Elm Grove Ev Lutheran Church, 945 Terrace Dr. Elm Grove

## OPEN SPEAKER

**Weekly & monthly open speaker meetings listed in January 2014**  
When & Where

[aamilwaukee.com/directory.html](http://aamilwaukee.com/directory.html)

**Sundays at 10 a.** Milwaukee Gp. 933 E Center St, Milw 53212

**Sundays at 6:30 p.** VA Hospital 5000 W National Ave 3rd Fl Unit 3A

**Every Friday 7:00 p.** Christ the King, 1600 N Genesee Rd Delafield

**1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 1:30 p.** Bethesda

Seniors Community Center Open Meeting, 2845 W Fond du Lac Ave

**Wednesdays at 7:00 p.** Salem United Methodist Church, 541 Hwy. 59, Waukesha,

**1st Friday only 8:00 p.** St. Lukes Church, 300 Carroll St., Waukesha

**1st Saturday 7:00 p.** Dist. 15 Open Meeting at Milwaukee Group 933 E Center St. Milwaukee 53212

**1st Saturday 8:00 p.** 24 Hour Club Open Meeting, 153 Green Bay Rd, Thiensville,

**2nd Saturday at 7:00 p.** Dist 12, Living Word Lutheran Church, 2240 Living Word Ln., Jackson WI 53037

**2nd Saturday at 7:00 p.** Dist 34, St. Francis Episcopal Church, N84 W16525 Menomonee Ave

**2nd Sunday at 11:00 a.** Alano Club 318 W. Broadway, Waukesha,

**3rd Sunday at 11:00 a.** Friendship Club 2245 W. Fond du Lac Ave. Milwaukee, WI

**3rd Saturday 8:00 p.** HOW To Club 8930 W. National Ave, W.Allis

**3rd Saturday 8:00 p.** New Day Club 11936 N. Port Washington Rd, Mequon, WI

**Last Wednesday 8:00 p.** 1st Lutheran Church, 7400 W Lapham St,

**Saturdays 7:30 p.** Alano Club 1521 N. Prospect, Milwaukee

Contact the Central Office via email: [dan@aamilwaukee.com](mailto:dan@aamilwaukee.com), before the 12th of the month prior to your meeting so that it can be listed here under the special Open Meetings.

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*"Charlie's been in AA about three weeks."*

**2014 Weekend Retreats**  
Jesuit Retreat House,  
4800 Fahrwald Rd.  
Oshkosh, WI 54901  
call 800-962-7330

[jesuitretreathouse.org](http://jesuitretreathouse.org)

Men and Women members of AA,  
Al-Anon

Total cost: 4 days \$325.00. Send a \$50.00 deposit with requests for specific dates to retreat house or call for information.

**MEN:** May 1-4, May 15-18, Dec. 4-7,

**WOMEN:** May 8-11, Aug. 21-24,  
Nov. 13-16, Nov. 20-23,

**Redemptorist Retreat Center**, 1800 North Timber Trail Lane, Oconomowoc, WI 53066, (262) 567-6900 Email: [rrc@redemptoristretreat.org](mailto:rrc@redemptoristretreat.org) Please call 262-567-6900 for reservations.  
**May 16-18**, 10th Annual Spring retreat for AA and Al-Anon Members. \$200. per person. (2 nights, 6 meals)

### MILWAUKEE CENTRAL OFFICE

- **E-mail Director Dan F.** at: [dan@aamilwaukee.com](mailto:dan@aamilwaukee.com)
- **Hours: M-F** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Saturday** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **G.S.R. Orientation**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 6:30 p.
- **Secretary Meeting**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:00 p.
- **Board of Directors Meeting**, Wednesday following Secretaries Meeting, (odd numbered months) 6:30 p.
- **A. A. Meetings**, Mon - Fri at 12:15 p. and 4:00 p.
- **A. A. Meetings Saturday** 9:45 a., 10:30 a. and 3:00 p.
- [www.aamilwaukee.com](http://www.aamilwaukee.com)

# JAMBOREE 2014

American Serb Hall, 5101 W Oklahoma Ave.  
**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2014**  
**HOSPITALITY: 5:00 P.M., DINNER: 6:00 P.M.**  
**SPEAKER: Rob S. Nashville TN. 7:00ish**  
**Dance follows**  
**Coffee, Soda and Water Available**

*\$25.00* *\$25.00*

Tickets by mail, \$25.00 each. Include a self addressed stamped envelope.  
 Greater Milwaukee Central Office 44<sup>th</sup> Annual City Wide Jamboree  
 7429 W. Greenfield Ave., West Allis, WI 53214, 414-771-9119

Pay by check or credit card, Visa/MasterCard/Discover, include all necessary information.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25.00 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address Please: \_\_\_\_\_

**MENU:** Place a number in the boxes to indicate how many want meat or veggie.

**Meat Option:** Roast Pork Loin,  Meat

**Vegetarian Option:** Vegetable Lasagna,  Veggie

**Parking for 400 cars on site; Carpooling will be very helpful & appreciated.**

(“Nightmare” Continued from page 9)

Worth, Dallas, Midland and New York. All of them said, "We are sorry Bill, we don't have AA any more. Everyone quit coming."

My wife woke me up because I was crying so hard; my bed was ringing wet, just as it was when I was coming off a real drunk. I was freezing and burning up at the same time, and had as bad a hangover as if it had been for real.

I called a member of AA immediately. (It was 2 A.M.) I asked him if they had stopped having AA meetings. Of course he thought I was drunk. He assured me AA was still in business and there would be a meeting that night. Would I be there?

Would I! I was, and I have been going to from one- to six meetings a week ever since. God willing, I'll be there as much or more until I leave this earth.

I say loudly--"Thank God it was only a dream!"

B. O'N.  
 Abilene, Texas

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(“Fall” Continued from page 7)

age for this day to change the things I can, for wisdom to use the knowledge AA has given me. To ask for His guidance in all my affairs and not to expect freedom from life's problems but freedom from the fear of life's problems, which I call serenity.

I've learned, when icy fear creeps in, when I begin to take another's inventory, to feel sorry for myself or resentful or feel the urge to tell somebody off or to throw the whole thing over, to question myself. I've learned to ask myself not WHAT's the matter with me but WHO'S the matter with me? Is it *my* self or is it somebody else that's doing this? I don't think God's will for me is for me to be emotionally drunk. With His help and the help of AA I can be-

come *sober* in thought, word and deed.

This I believe.

M. U.  
 Boulder, Colorado

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## SERVICE MANUAL STUDY

A new service manual study meeting is being formed

WHEN: The **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of each month starting January 10, 2013

TIME: **6:00 pm.**

WHERE: **Milwaukee Central Office** – 7429 W. Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI

Have you ever wondered what is inside the covers of the “secret” Service Manual. Have you read something in it and wished you could discuss your questions with other service minded members. Here is your chance. Plan to attend this monthly study meeting.

This meeting is open to any interested Alcoholics Anonymous member whether currently active in some type of AA service or not.

Service Manuals will be available if you need one.

Plan to attend. If you have questions you can contact Nancy H. at 414-801-5184

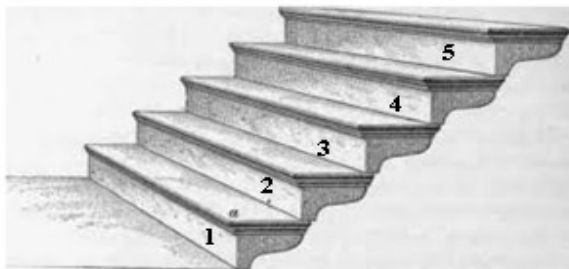


# The Benefits of Step Five

By Bob S.

Among the multiple benefits of the Step Five process was the opportunity for my sponsor, Carl, to point in a very absolute and convincing manner, exactly what had been blocking me from the truth in drink. My Fourth Step writings revealed, in a non-deniable manner, my obvious 'grosser handicaps' of basic selfishness, internal dishonesty, deep-seated resentment and illogical fear.

The many internal ingredients of these dire defects



came to light as I elaborated on my lifetime history of **resentment, fear,** and **harms to others,** especially **sexual conduct.** This basically was to be my 'life story,' other 'life details' may have been mentioned, but focusing on these major defects kept us on track.

We first discussed items from my **resentment list** whereupon many other underlying defects were hidden such as self-justification, false-pride, egotism, intolerance, envy, jealousy, and even gossiping about people I disliked. From my **fear list** it was pointed out my defect of imagining unlikely scenarios of possible disaster, greedy desires that I would never get things I really didn't deserve, and the disastrous habit of living in the future. It was good to realize that most of my fears were illogical. The inquiry into **Harms to others,** especially **sexual misconduct** made clear where I have been evasive, prideful, uncaring, dishonest, impatient, egotistic, hateful

and self-seeking. Of course, we discussed my guilt. Carl tore up all my paperwork, except for the amends list, and placed it in a bowl in his kitchen sink . . . as he lit it all on fire, he lamented: "Bob, there goes your past up in smoke! You don't have to feel guilty about all those dismal things you have done in the past. You are now on God's train (he pointed upward) and you are becoming a brand new person each and every new day. But if you join your friends on the Death and Destruction express (he pointed downward) and take just one shot of whiskey, you get all your guilt back." My guilt immediately began to diminish and I haven't had a drink since.

Many of the Step Five promises came thereafter, including a great sense of relief, but I believe the **most** important benefit of Step Five was to be made aware of the exact details of my grosser handicaps, so I would know precisely what to ask God to rid me of in Step Seven.

Bob S. Richmond, IN

## FOUNDER'S DAY: June 6, 7, 8, 2014

Founders' Day 2014 Registration Form | online at [www.akronaa.org](http://www.akronaa.org)

Everyone must be registered including children. Basic registration and package plans must be postmarked by May 15, 2014

Name (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

- Check for special needs - handicapped. Handicap parking will be strictly enforced.  
 Deaf - ASL Interpreter Requested

All beds are at a fixed height of 42 inches. The University of Akron **CANNOT** adjust bed height.

**\* INDIVIDUAL FORMS REQUIRED FOR EACH PACKAGE PLAN \***

Registration closes at 6:00 pm Saturday, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Registration \$20 x QTY = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**MUST have confirmation letter and photo I.D. to pickup package plans.**

**Package Plan A \$180 = \$ ONE ONLY**

Sex: M  F   
 Includes admission to all meetings, meals, room, registration and bus tour. Report directly to designated dormitory to pick up weekend package and room key. You must have a confirmation letter & I.D. to pick up your reservation package. All rooms and buildings at the university are non-smoking.

**Package Plan B \$130 = \$ ONE ONLY**

Sex: M  F   
 Includes all items in Package Plan A **except** meals.

Rooming with: \_\_\_\_\_

MEALS		QTY	TOTAL
SATURDAY	Breakfast	\$12 x _____	= \$ _____
	Lunch	\$17 x _____	= \$ _____
	Dinner	\$23 x _____	= \$ _____
SUNDAY	Breakfast	\$12 x _____	= \$ _____
SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS — <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetic <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten-Free			

MOTORHOME SITE FEES	QTY	TOTAL
<b>THERE WILL BE NO TENT CAMPING FOR 2014!</b>		
Motorhome Site Tag (no hook-ups available)	\$40 x _____	= \$ _____ per site/whole weekend

Each motorhome must have **Site Tag** to set up.  
**ABSOLUTELY NO PETS OR FIRES!**

REGISTRATION TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENTS MUST BE IN U.S. DOLLARS ONLY. MAKE CHECKS / MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO:**

Akron Intergroup  
 PO Box 12  
 Akron, OH 44309-0012

REFUNDS requested in writing only by mail or email and postmarked / received prior to May 15, 2014.  
[treasurerfd@akronaa.org](mailto:treasurerfd@akronaa.org)

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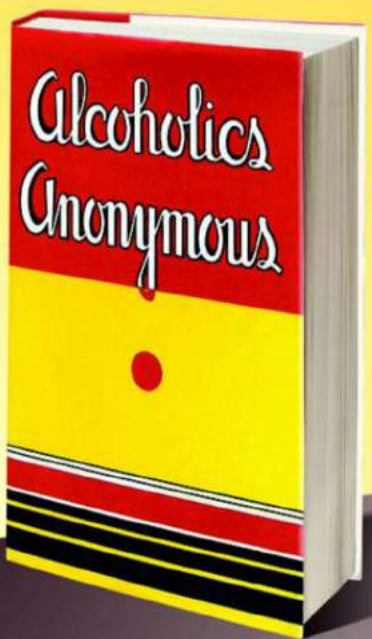
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## TOPIC AND TRADITIONS

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
400 S. 91<sup>ST</sup> STREET  
WEST ALLIS, WI 53214

TUESDAYS AT 7:30 P.M.

### FORMAT:

1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH = TRADITION  
REMAINING TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH = TOPIC  
(FROM AS BILL SEES IT)

PLEASE HELP KEEP THIS MEETING

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Enter in **BACK** of  
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**10th Annual Spring Retreat for Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon Members**  
**May 16—18, 2014**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_  
(evening) \_\_\_\_\_  
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I require first floor accommodations  
I will share a room if necessary  
I am including a donation to the scholarship fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
I am willing to be a speaker for: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*If you need some assistance from the scholarship fund, please contact Br. Gerry at (262) 567.6900 Extension 17.*

Fee: \$200.00 per person (2 nights, 6 meals)  
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### DAILY SCHEDULE

Friday, May 16, 2014

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Arrival/Registration  
6:00 p.m. Light Evening Meal/Dining Room  
7:30 p.m. Orientation/1st Step Meeting  
Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker

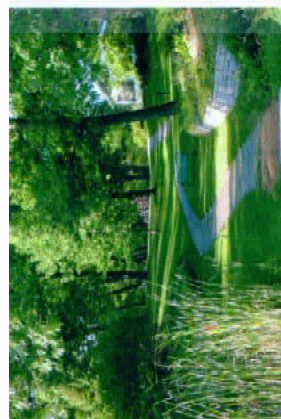
Saturday, May 17, 2014

7:30 a.m. Meditation/Chapel  
8:00 a.m. Breakfast/Dining Room  
9:00 a.m. Step 2 Meeting  
Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker  
10:30 a.m. Topic Meeting  
Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker  
12:00 p.m. Noon Meal/Dining Room  
2:00 p.m. Step 3 Meeting  
Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker  
3:30 p.m. Steps 4 & 5 Meeting  
Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker  
5:00 p.m. Mass/Chapel  
6:00 p.m. Evening Meal/Dining Room  
7:30 p.m. Steps 8 & 9 Meeting  
Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker

Sunday, May 18, 2014

7:30 a.m. Meditation/Healing in Chapel  
8:00 a.m. Continental/Dining Room  
9:00 a.m. Topic Meeting  
Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker  
10:30 a.m. Brunch/Dining Room  
11:30 a.m. Steps 10 & 11 Meeting  
Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker  
Checkout by 1:00 p.m.

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